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AMENDMENT Responsive To Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 25, 2002, which comprised a "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37CFR 1.121)", please amend the above identified application as follows:

AMENDMENTS

In the Abstract

Kindly amend the Abstract, by replacing the two paragraphs, beginning at line 8, with the following rewritten single paragraph:

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